

budget challenges, focusing on entitlement spending, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal efforts for rail and surface transportation security, focusing on prioritizing and guiding security measures, after receiving testimony from Edmund Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Vice Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, USCG (Ret.), Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Richard L. Canas, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Trenton.

OIL AND GAS ROYALTY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to oil and gas royalty management at the Department of the Interior, focusing on the Minerals Management Service (MMS), receiving testimony from Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, and C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior; and Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the military and security strategy relating to securing America's interests in Iraq,

after receiving testimony from General Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.), United States Military Academy, Arlington, Virginia; General Jack Keane, USA (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and Lieutenant General William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), former Director, National Security Agency, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and General Joseph P. Hoar, USMC (Ret.), former Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command, Del Mar, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee met and elected Senator Dorgan as Chairman and Senator Thomas as Vice Chairman.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on immigration reform, combating terrorism, violent crime and drugs, Internet crime, and preventing identity theft, fraud, and intellectual property crimes, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 547–574; 1 private bill, H.R. 575; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 19; H. Con. Res. 34–37; and H. Res. 76–77 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on January 2, 2007 as follows: Report on the Activity of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 109th Congress (H. Rept. 109–751).

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Policies of the Chair: The Chair announced her policies with respect to special order speeches. Without objection the announcement will be printed in the Record.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 74, electing the following Members of the Minority to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on the Budget: Representatives Bonner, Garrett (NJ), Barrett (SC), McCotter, Mario Diaz-Balart (FL), Hensarling, Daniel E. Lungren (CA), Simpson, McHenry, Mack, Conaway, Campbell (CA), Tiberi, Porter, Alexander, and Smith (NE). Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Manzullo, to rank after Representative Rohrabacher.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 73, electing the following Members of the Majority to serve on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on the Budget: Representatives DeLauro, Edwards, Capps, Cooper, Allen, Schwartz (PA), Kaptur, Becerra, Doggett, Blumenauer, Berry, Boyd (FL), McGovern, Sutton, Andrews, Scott (VA), Etheridge, Hooley, Baird, Moore (KS), and Bishop (NY).

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Revising the Composition of the House of Representatives Page Board—Order of Business: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time to consider H.R. 475, to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages; that the bill shall be considered as read; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration, and one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Boehner motion to adjourn by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 34.

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Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, by a Recorded vote of 228 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 37.

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CLEAN Energy Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency,

and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 40.

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Rejected the McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Rules with instructions that each Committee report the same back to the House after the Committee holds hearings on, and considers, the bill, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 38.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised by Mr. Blunt, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 39.

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H. Res. 66, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a Recorded vote of 230 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 36, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 35.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, January 17:

Congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship: H. Res. 62, to congratulate the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 41.

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Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Langevin wherein he requested a leave of absence, effective immediately, from the Committee on Armed Services in order to serve on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 75, electing the following Members and Delegates of the Majority to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Meek, to rank immediately after Mr. Cummings. Committee on Financial Services: Representative Boren. Committee on the Judiciary: Representatives Berman, Boucher, Nadler, Scott (VA), Watt, Zoe Lofgren (CA), Jackson-Lee (TX), Waters, Meehan, Delahunt, Wexler, Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Cohen, Johnson (GA), Gutierrez, Sherman, Weiner, Schiff, Davis (AL), and Ellison. Committee on Natural Resources: Representatives Kildee, Faleomavaega, Abercrombie, Ortiz, Pallone, Christensen, Napolitano, Holt, Grijalva, Bordallo, Costa, Boren, Sarbanes, George

Miller (CA), Markey, DeFazio, Hinchey, Kennedy (RI), Kind, Capps, Inslee, Udall (CO), Baca, Solis, Herseth, and Shuler. Committee on Science and Technology: Representatives Costello, Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Woolsey, Udall (CO), Wu, Baird, Miller (NC), Lipinski, Lampson, Giffords, McNerney, Rothman, Honda, Matheson, Ross, Chandler, Carnahan, Melancon, Hill, Mitchell, and Wilson (OH). Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Berkley, to rank immediately after Representative Doyle, and Representative Walz (MN).

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Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Maloney of New York to the Joint Economic Committee.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President notifying Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to foreign terrorists—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–8). **Page H734**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H678–79, H687, H688, H690, H727, H728–29, H729, and H730. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NAVY, AIR FORCE, GUARD AND RESERVE READINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Met in executive session on Navy and Air Force Readiness. Testimony was heard from ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session on Guard and Reserve Readiness. Testimony was heard from LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; LTG Jack C. Stultz, USAR, Chief of Army Reserve; VADM John G. Cotton, USN, Chief of Navy Reserve; LTG John A. Bradley, USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve; and LTG John W. Bergman, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION AUDITS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on approaches to audit of reconstruction and support activities in Iraq. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas E. Gimble, Acting Inspector General; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr.,

Special Inspector General; and Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General, Department of State.

U.S. FORCE PROTECTION IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G–8; MG Jeffrey A. Sorenson, USA, Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), all with the Department of the Army; Robert L. Buhrkuhl, Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics); and CAPT Joseph McGettigan, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division; Philip Coyle, former Director, Operational Test and Development, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Ray Dubois, Jr., former Acting Under Secretary of the Army.

BUDGETING FOR WAR COSTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; CBO DIRECTOR

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budgeting for War Costs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gordon England, Deputy Secretary; ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller); Robert Sunshine, Assistant Director, CBO; Steve Kosiak, Director of Budget Studies, Center on Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved the recommendation to appoint Peter Orszag as the Director of CBO.

OVERSIGHT—NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a briefing on North Korea. Testimony was heard from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense; and James Lilley, former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Met for organizational purposes.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY—CURRENT AND PROJECTED THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Current and Projected Threats to U.S. National Security. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence.